

RESOLUTION NO. 12-1060

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that on December 5, 2012, Marie Sanchez, a member of the Huntsville Education Association (HEA), retired after 37 years of service to the Huntsville City School System. The principal and staff of Lakewood Elementary School honored her with a surprise retirement celebration held on December 5, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, Marie was raised in Ohio and moved from Birmingham, Alabama, to Huntsville in 1975. She was married to the late Ricardo Sanchez, and she is the proud parent of two children: Rickshel "Monday" Love and Antonio Maurice, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; and,

WHEREAS, during 2007, Marie was selected as Alabama's National Education Association Educational Support Professional of the Year nominee for her outstanding service and contributions to public education at the local, state, and national levels promoting the welfare and quality of education of America's children; and,

WHEREAS, Marie was the recipient of a resolution presented to her by the Huntsville City Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools on March 15, 2007, honoring and recognizing her for achieving exceptional levels of excellence for the performance of professional responsibilities, receiving the Alabama Education Association (AEA) Educational Support Professional Star Award, and serving as AEA representative for the National Education Support Professional of the Year; and,

WHEREAS, Marie was the backbone of her local association for many years. It literally grew and became stronger due to her dedication; and,

WHEREAS, during her 37 years serving as an educational support professional, Marie, worked as a computer technician at Lakewood Elementary School and held several professional titles. It was the unofficial titles that made her unique. She was called a UniServ director's dream, a committee chair's number one draft pick, the leading membership recruiter, a community volunteer veteran, a founding member of her local association, an education political activist, and a student image builder. She saw the value of each student and insisted none settle for less than their best; and,

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WHEREAS, Marie encouraged employees to give their best and served as an example for being involved. She frequently spoke out for the rights of employees to school administrators at school board meetings, city council meetings, and while lobbying legislators in Montgomery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and recognize Marie Sanchez for her 37-year career and bringing credit and honor to the Huntsville City School System and our community. We extend best wishes for her retirement and in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 20th day of December, 2012.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 20th day of December, 2012.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

